(c) Total percentage decline during calender year 1985 was approximately 6 per cent.

(d) In order to improve the performance of Indian Shipping, Indian shipping companies have been granted loans at concessional rates of interest for acquisition of modern fuel-efficient tonnage. Shipping companies have also been allowed reschedulement of their overdues to Shipping Development Fund Committee and to commercial banks from time to time in view of continuing recession prevailing in Shipping Industry. Besides above, certain measures of cargo support like instructions to public sector undertakings/Government Departments to negotiate C&F exports and FOB imports have been issued. Certain concessions to importers for using Indian vessels in the matter of import licence and to exporters for using Indian vessels in the matter of replenishment licence have also been extended.

Kazipet-Secunderabad Rail Line

2410. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of developing Kazipet-Secunderabad rail line has been completed; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Doubling of single line sections between Kazipet and Secunderabad is being progressed according to availability of resources.

National Highway No. 5

2411. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for widening the National Highway No. 5 between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar in Orissa;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of this project; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The widening work of National Highway No. 5 between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar is likely to cost about Rs. 30 crores and as such is being done in phases. In view of financial constraints and due to non-availability of land in this section of Natioanl Highway No. 5 it is premature to indicate, at this stage, the likely date of completion of the work.

Proposed Rail Line between Jeypur and Malkangiri

2412. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the construction of a rail line from Jeypur to Malkangiri in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the above proposal has been included for implementation during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, what is the estimate cost of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Train between Titlagarh-Sambalpur and Bhubaneswar

2413. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a train between

Titlagarh-Sambalpur and Bhubaneswar in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Strategy for growth of aviation industry

2414. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a high power working group to work out viable strategy for the growth of the aviation industry;

(b) if so, the names of its members and the issues to be considered by the Group; and

(c) by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission has set up a Planning Group to prepare a long-term plan for Civil Aviation Sector.

(b) The Group will have the following composition:

1. Shri J. R. D. Tata, Chairman
   Emeritus Chairman,
   Tata Group of Companies.
2. Shri K. C. Appuswamy,
   Retired Managing Director,
   Air India.
3. Dr. H. K. Paranjpe,
   Economists (Nehru Fellow),
   Pune.
4. Air Marshal C. K. S. Raje,
   Director General of Civil Aviation.
5. Air Marshal M. S. D. Wollen,
   Chairman,
   Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.,
   Bangalore.
6. Prof. R. Narasimha,
   Director,
   National Aeronautics Laboratory,
   Bangalore.
7. Captain K. Chadha,
   Managing Director,
   Indian Airlines.
8. Shri K. L. Thapar,
   Adviser (Transport),
   Planning Commission.
9. Dr. N. W. Nerurkar,
   Joint Secretary,
   Department of Electronics,
   New Delhi.
10. Shri C. L. Sharma,
    Deputy Managing Director,
    Air India.

The issues to be considered by the Group:—

(i) To study the past trends in growth of passenger traffic and air cargo including developments in the patterns of air services over the last two decades and projected developments for the period ending 2000 A.D. based on the inter-modal allocation of traffic, appropriately phased over 5 years period ending 1990, 1995 and 2000 A.D.

(ii) To review the existing network of airlines with a view to restructuring them to the extent necessary taking into account the future role of air transport in the planned development of the country.

(iii) To make an assessment of the existing technologies and technological development forecasts in the next 15 years in the Civil Aviation Sector and to consider their applicability and adaptability to Indian conditions with due regard to the economics of different technologies for long term options.

(iv) To study the productivity and efficiency of the various constituent units of Civil Aviation Sector